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Please amend claims 1 and 11 as follows:

1. (Amended) A compound 8 to 50 nucleobases in length targeted to a nucleic acid molecule encoding human hormone-sensitive lipase (SEQ ID NO: 3), wherein said compound specifically hybridizes with and inhibits the expression of human hormone-sensitive lipase.

11. (Amended) A compound 8 to 50 nucleobases in length which specifically hybridizes with at least an 8-nucleobase portion of an active site on a nucleic acid molecule encoding human hormone-sensitive lipase (SEQ ID NO: 3).

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-71 are pending in this application. Claim 3 has been canceled. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended. No new matter has been added by this amendment. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these amendments and the following remarks.

The pending claims have been subjected to a Restriction Requirement as follows:

Group I, claims 1-15, 71 drawn to compositions and methods for the inhibition of hormone-sensitive lipase, classified in class 536, subclass 24.5.